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ON A METALLIC SURFACE II**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 20, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Attachment including one copy of "Calculation of Total Chloride in Prior Art Document WO 96/15292 AI Examples 37-39" and one copy of "Terminal Disclaimers To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent" follows page 11 of this paper.

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